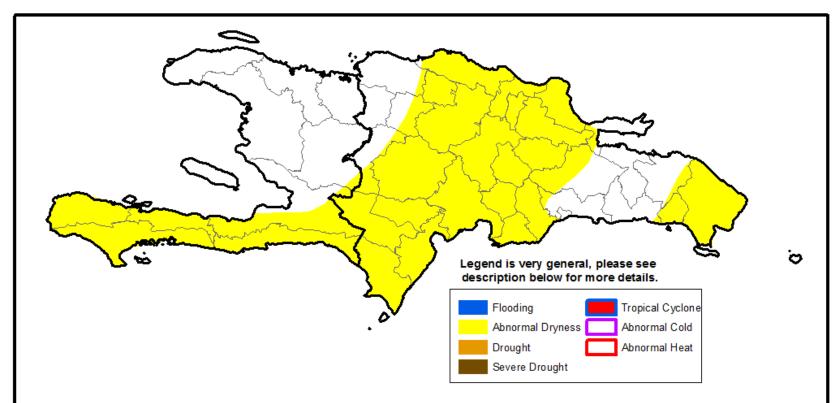


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook July 27 – August 2, 2017

Drier than normal conditions returned this past week



The heaviest rainfall this past week was observed over central Haiti and western provinces of the Dominican Republic. According to satellite estimates, 50-100mm of rain was received in those areas. Such totals result in near-normal conditions in those local areas of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Other surrounding areas of the island received lighter, below-normal amounts of rain during the period. Observed negative 7-day anomalies range form 10-50mm. As a result of substantial rainfall 2 weeks ago, 30-day rainfall departure from normal currently shows positive anomalies across a large portion of central and northern Hispaniola. This does not adequately tell the story of recent rainfall performance, which has been poor almost every week except for the one. As a result, conditions have likely not been ideal for healthy crop growth without consistent moisture. Along the southern coast of the island significant negative rainfall anomalies persist. Soil moisture indices support this idea while vegetation indices indicate average conditions. The forecast for the upcoming 7 days favors near average rainfall for most areas, with the climatologically favored regions receiving 50mm of rain or more.